should conduct themselves in a humane manner and that cases of police excesses should be taken serious note of and dealt with promptly and firmly. In order to avoid harassment in terrogation, special emphasis is being laid on human rights in the training curricula of police personnel at all levels. 'induction' and 'in-service' training programmes also include special inputs to sensitise police personnel about the use of scientific methods for investigation.

Restructuring of State Electricity Boards

*735 SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of issuing guidelines to State Governments to restructure their State Eectricity Boards with a view to achieving higher production targets and ensuring better distribution system so that industry and domestic consumers do not face long power cuts as at present;

(b) if so, by when these guidelines would be issued; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) The problems facing the power sector were discussed in the conference of Power Ministers' held on 26.2.2000 and it was resolved that with the intention of achieving commercial viability and providing power at reasonable rate to all, reform must be unertaken with determination, vigor and a sense of urgency. The key elements of the reform strategy as evolved in the Power Minister's Conference are:—

i. Energy Audit at all levels.

ii. Time bound programme of 100% metering of all consumers by December, 2001.

iii. Reduction and finally, elimination of power theft within a specified period.

iv. Strengthening / upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system by taking sub-station as a unit on priority basis.

If the above appears unattainable in the existing set up, corporatisation/ co-operatisation / privatisation of distribution would have to be undertaken.

It was also resolved that since a large number of thermal stations within the State sector are running at a PLF below 40% immediate Renovation and Modernisation (R&M) including Life Extension (LE) would need to be undertaken. Similarly R&M / LE would required to be undertaken for old hydel power plants on priority.

Development of Electronic Warfare System

†*736. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Defence scientists are making efforts to develop a comprehensive Electronic Warfare system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the said system is likely to be developed; and

(d) the total estimated amount to be spent towards the development of the system?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), in partnership with the users, is developing Electronic Warfare (EW) systems Samyukta for the Army and Sangraha for the Navy. These systems are in advanced stages of development. DRDO has already developed and operationalised EW system Tempest for the Air Force.

(c) Development of Samyukta and Sangraha is planned to be completed by 2002.

(d) The total estimated amount to be spent towards the development and induction of Samyukta and Sangraha systems is Rs. 955 crore.

Solar Energy in Bellary District

*737. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Bellary District in Karnataka is an ideal place to take up pilot project to tap solar energy as the temperature is always high;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.